

# Cochran Lake Update

## President's Message

by Mark Luoma

Our lake district annual meeting will be held at the Pike Lake Fire Hall on Saturday, May 25, at 8 a.m. The meeting's agenda is listed at the end of this newsletter.

Just a reminder, the lake district directory can be found at:

[http://www.cochranlake.org/web\\_documents/owners.pdf](http://www.cochranlake.org/web_documents/owners.pdf)

Please check the directory to make sure that your address, phone number, and email addresses are correct. If any changes need to be made, please contact Don Schmitz at [Dons@surgery.wisc.edu](mailto:Dons@surgery.wisc.edu).

The Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association Annual Meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. following our meeting. They have scheduled a speaker, Steve McComas of Blue Water Science, who will be talking about lake water quality issues as well as invasive species. Bill Ave'Lallemant, the PLCLA President, has invited our lake owners to stay and listen to Steve's presentation.

One of the items on our agenda will be to discuss the possibility of planting walleyes in our lake. Frank Sevcik will be submitting a Fish Stocking Permit Application to Jeff Scheirer, DNR Fish Biologist in charge of Price County. Our application will ask permission to plant 300 six- to nine-inch walleyes this fall.

The DNR will be shocking our lake again this spring. Cochran Lake is usually the last lake that is shocked in Price County. Because of this year's late ice-out conditions, this will take place later than usual.

DNR fishery personnel have volunteered to assist Stan Kmeciak and Rick Schwai with this year's lake plant survey. This should take place in July.

The town plow accidentally damaged our gate to the boat landing this winter. The town will be replacing the damaged part. At last fall's meeting, we discussed the possibility of moving the gate closer to the lake just past the driveway to the Erickson property. This will take place once the snow has melted and the frost has left the ground.

Two Federal Forest Service logging projects are scheduled for the Cochran Lake area. The first one, the Tackle Lake Timber Sale, was completed in March. This was a select-cut project located north of Cochran Lake and extending to the area near Tackle Lake. The second project, the Sweet Pickles Timber Sale, will include the area from south of Cochran Lake to Shady Knoll Road. This select-cut logging will take place either next summer or the following year.

Loren Davis did purchase the fireplace located next to the boat landing. He sent his \$500 check to me and initially had hoped to have the fireplace taken apart and moved by last October. Due to unforeseen events, it now looks like he will be able to complete the job this summer.

Pat Krenz is completing her term as our Lake District Secretary. We will be conducting an election to replace her. Thanks for your service to our Lake District, Pat!

Judy Schave will be presenting our 2013-14 budget at the annual meeting. Carl Schmelzer has agreed to audit our revenues and expenditures for the last fiscal year.

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## **Adopt A Road**

by Ray Schave

When the snow finally melts and we have some resemblance of spring, I will make a request for Cochran Lake District volunteers to help clean up our 8.5 miles of local roads that we sponsor through the Adopt-A-Road Program.

Thanks to the following members who participated in last year's fall clean up.

George & Letty Rasmussen  
Ray & Diane Korinek  
Sig & Mary Kaminski  
Carl Schmelzer & Dotty Ford  
Rick & Pat Schwai  
Ray & Judy Schave

If anyone would like to participate in this spring's or this fall's clean up, please contact Ray Schave. I have plastic bags and vests for those who would like them. In between pick-up times, if you see some litter, please stop and pick it up so that we can keep our roads clean and attractive.

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## **Lake Report**

by Sig Kaminski

Well I don't think I can cut a big enough hole in the ice to get my boat in the lake to do the water sample for the spring of 2013. The ice is still 26 inches deep as of April 15 with snow on top of it. Things will just have to wait until spring arrives.

The water test will be taken two weeks after the ice goes out, whenever that is!

The report from last year was very good. We did end up with a hot summer and a low water level again in 2012. That led to a few things we don't like to see like blue green algae, but it showed up in a lot of area lakes. We will have to wait to see if we have a recurrence of the algae bloom this summer.

Note, in 2012 the weed population was down in the lake. Don't get me wrong, we still have plenty of weeds, and that's what helps make the lake such a good fishery.

Mary and I had good year fishing on our lake. We caught lots of nice pan fish, and we put back some really nice bass and northern pike. The eagles

are still here, and I'm sorry to say that the geese have shown up again. The deer in the area are doing well. Turkeys are making it through this winter, too. Did you get to see the picture of the bobcat that Ray Schave emailed to lake owners? It's more than likely the one that I caught in a live trap and took for a 25-mile relocation ride. He seemed to be quite interested in my cats, and I didn't want him eating them.

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## **KIDS FISHING CONTEST**

by Sig Kaminski

Wow! Five years of the kids' fishing contest are now behind us. Last year's contest was another good one. Several of the kids caught some really nice fish.

Twenty-two kids entered the contest, and the cost was just a little over \$400. \$213 came from donations at the annual meeting, \$70 was donated later on, and the rest came from \$120 worth of donated gifts. Participants included three 3-year-olds, one 4-year-old, four 5-year-olds, four 6-year-olds, one 7-year-old, one 8-year old, two 9-year olds, two 10-year-olds, three 12-year-olds, and one 14-year old.

A big THANK YOU to all of those who donated and helped to make this a successful event for kids. From what I've heard, the kids really enjoyed the prizes.

We will vote to approve the 2013 kids' fishing contest at the annual meeting. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or questions, please bring them up at the meeting.

**Cochran Lake District  
Annual Meeting Agenda**

May 25, 2013

8 a.m.

Pike Lake Fire Hall

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Secretary's Report** – Pat Krenz  
March 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Treasurer's Report** – Judy Schave  
Present 2013-14 Budget/Audit

**Town Representative Report** – Jim Hintz

**Price County Land Conservationist Report** -- Evan Lund

**Committee Chair Reports**

Adopt-A-Highway Program – Ray Schave

Water Quality – Sig Kaminski

Fisheries – Frank Sevcik

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt

District Website – Don Schmitz

**Additional Reports**

Kids' Fishing Contest – Sig Kaminski

Lake History – Donna Janes

Other

**Old Business**

Boat Landing Stone Barbeque Fireplace

**New Business**

Fish Stocking Permit Application

Voluntary Trolling Ban

Moving Boat Landing Gate

Election of Lake District Secretary

2013 Kids' Fishing Contest

**Adjournment**

Cochran Lake District  
Treasurer's Report  
April 22, 2013  
by Judy Schave

Checking Account Balance May 26, 2012	\$1,745.95
Savings Account Balance May 26, 2012	\$3,765.22
Total Bank Balance May 26, 2012	\$5,511.17 -----
Expenditures thru April 22, 2013	(\$399.44)
Revenues thru April 22, 2013	\$1,257.55
Total Bank Balance April 22, 2013	<b>\$6,369.28</b>

**Bobcat at Ray and Judy Schave's House**



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